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Officer Choked, Assaulted at Green Haven Correctional Facility

Second Serious Attack Since September

Stormville , NY – A corrections officer was punched in the face and choked by an inmate in an unprovoked attack that occurred on Wednesday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:25 AM. Inmate Tirone Moore approached the officer, who was standing in front of the housing unit supply closet, and requested to speak with him. Without warning, Inmate Moore took off his shirt and struck the officer in the face with a closed fist. The officer immediately attempted to grab the inmate in a body hold, which caused him to fall backwards into the supply closet. Inmate Moore placed his left arm around the officer's neck and placed him in a choke hold.

Two officers immediately responded to the scene and needed to strike the inmate several times to get him to release the choke hold.

Inmate Moore was restrained and removed from the scene and placed in a special housing unit.

The injured officer sustained a bruised forearm, small laceration to his nose and minor injuries to his upper lip, left index finger and right hand.

Two of the responding officers sustained minor injuries getting Inmate Moore off the officer and into restraints.

All three officers were taken to Vassar Hospital for further treatment. They were all treated and released.

Inmate Moore, 29, is serving a nine year sentence after being convicted of Attempted Robbery 1st in Kings County in 2012.

The assault follows a serious attack on an officer at the prison in September in which the officer was choked unconscious by an inmate serving a life sentence for two murders.

That incident occurred on Wednesday, September 7, at approximately 6:40 PM.

Inmate Lawrence Mikel was given instructions by an officer to walk through a cell sense, which is used to detect hidden contraband. Inmate Mikel refused, used both hands to push the officer, and punched him in the face. Inmate Mikel proceeded to wrap both arms around the officer's neck and choke him until he lost consciousness.

Three officers responded to the scene and had to strike Inmate Mikel several times with a baton to get him to release the choke hold.

The officers were able to restrain Inmate Mikel and get him in restraints.

The injured officer regained consciousness at the scene. He was transported to St. Francis Hospital for treatment of a concussion, bruises to both cheekbones, temple and forehead, bruising to his neck, and abrasions to both knees. He was later released from the hospital.

Two of the responding officers sustained minor injuries and were transported to St. Francis Hospital for treatment. They were treated and released.

Inmate Mikel, 42, is serving a 50 year to life sentence after being convicted in 1992 in Monroe County for two separate robberies and murders.

A report of the attack was filed with the New York State Police.

Inmate Mikel has since been transferred out of Green Haven.

"Both these attacks were unprovoked and could have easily killed both officers if not for the quick actions of their fellow officers. The fact that both inmates chose to attack both officers for no apparent reason is alarming. This is a prime example of how quickly a situation can escalate and how dangerous the environment inside our prisons for our members ", stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.